



The Municipal EcoLink

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The Municipal EcoLink, is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES). We respectfully request that the following is read into the minutes of your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well.

Canada Goose Management Workshop, April 30

A Canada Goose Management Workshop will be held on Friday, April 30 from 10-noon at 29 Hazen Drive in Concord. Please join the staff from the DES Beach Program and the US Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to learn what attracts geese and other waterfowl to your local beach or shoreline. A variety of management techniques will be discussed. The workshop is free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required as the capacity of the workshop is limited. Please visit the NHDES Beach Program website <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/beaches/index.htm> to register. Questions regarding registration and or workshop content may be directed to Teresa Ptak, at (603) 271-8803 or teresa.ptak@des.nh.gov.

Roads Scholar Workshop on May 13 in Concord

DES and the UNH Technical Transfer Center will offer a Stream Crossings workshop on May 13 at the Holiday Inn in Concord as part of the Roads Scholar program. The workshop is designed for road agents and other public works employees. This is the fourth year DES has offered a Wetland Permits workshop through this program. Grant funds from USEPA are offsetting the cost of the workshop. The cost of the workshop is \$25 and registration is required. For more information, please refer to this web site: http://www.t2.unh.edu/training/stream_rules.pdf. A similar workshop will be offered on June 28 on Wetlands Permits.

The Road Less Salted: Water Quality & Salt Reduction Seminar, May 13

Also on May 13, DES will host this water quality seminar from 8:30 am to noon at the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center in Greenland. Testing over the last 25 years has indicated that chloride levels have increased steadily in New Hampshire's fresh water streams, rivers, lakes, ponds and groundwater. This seminar will give an overview of water quality data in several New Hampshire waterbodies, what is being done about these trends, and identify resources to reduce chloride on our parking lots and roadways. Who should attend? Municipal boards and commissions, DPW directors and road agents, municipal decision makers/planners, property managers or owners, local environmental organizations, private contractors, landscapers and others who plow snow. Attendance is free, but please RSVP with your name, phone number, organization and title to Steve.Miller@Wildlife.nh.gov For questions contact: barbara.mcmillan@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-7889. See also http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/was/documents/road_salt_seminar_flyer.pdf.

New Hampshire Commute Green, May 15 – June 25

Use public transportation, carpool, bicycle, or walk to work at least six times between the six weeks of May 15 and June 25, complete a brief survey and become eligible to win incentive prizes, including an overnight stay at a New Hampshire resort. For more information visit www.bwanh.org or call 1-800-462-8707

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